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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS OVIP EG US
SUBJECT: GAMASY VISIT--POSSIBLE ODC MISSION TO EGYPT

REF: PARA 3, STATE 149440

1. REQUEST ANY CLARIFICATION DEPT MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ON REFERENCE ODC DISCUSSIONS WITH GAMASY. RECALL THAT WHEN I RECENTLY MET WITH LTG GREAVES, DOD WAS THINKING OF 31 OFFICERS AND NCOS TO HANDLE F-5 AND C-130 PROGRAMS. OF TOTAL NUMBER, DOD IDEA APPEARED TO BE THAT BETWEEN THREE AND FIVE (INCLUDING SECRETARY) BE ATTACHED DIRECTLY TO EMBASSY IN KIND OF MANAGEMENT LIAISON CAPACITY. I RECALL REMINDING DOD THAT, UNDER PRESIDENT'S DIRECTIVE TO AMBASSADORS, I ASSUMED ALL 31 DOD PERSONNEL (OR WHATEVER THE NUMBER MIGHT BE) WOULD BE PART OF MY RESPONSIBILITY. DOD DID NOT DEMUR.

2. AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS WITH GAMASY, HAS TOTAL NUMBER OF DOD PERSONNEL BEEN REDUCED FROM 31? IF SO, TO WHAT NUMBER? OR WILL TOTAL NUMBER STILL DEPEND UPON GOE STUDY OF LOA AND EGYPTIAN DECISIONS WHAT PROFFERED USAF SERVICES TO EXCLUDE? DO REFERENCES TO "4-5" AND "2-3" OFFICERS IN REF PARAGRAPH SIMPLY REFER TO THAT PART OF DOD TEAM WHO WILL BE DIRECTLY LIAISING WITH EMBASSY?

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3. WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHETHER GAMASY MENTIONED GOE SENSITIVITY TO GOE NOT APPEARING BE REPLACING SOVIET MILITARY ADVISORY GROUP WITH A SIMILAR AMERICAN GROUP.

4. I GATHER GAMASY RETURNS CAIRO SOMETIME TOMORROW

EVENING. I PLAN TO MEET HIM AT AIRPORT. DO NOT KNOW IF
OPPORTUNITY WILL PRESENT ITSELF THERE TO DISCUSS SOME OF
THESE SUBJECTS, BUT I INTEND TO ASK FOR EARLY MEETING
WITH HIM SO THAT WE CAN GO OVER ANY OUTSTANDING MATTERS
AND ARE ON THE SAME WAVELENGTH AS REGARDS WHAT WAS
AGREED UPON DURING HIS WASHINGTON TALKS. EILTS

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